UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of: |) Investigation No.: |
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| 9 | | Main Hearing Room (Room 101) |
| 10 | | U.S. International |
| 11 | | Trade Commission |
| 12 | | 500 E Street, S.W. |
| 13 | | Washington, D.C. |
| 14 | The meeting commenc | ed, pursuant to notice, at |
| 15 | 10:00 a.m., before the Commiss | ioners of the United States |
| 16 | International Trade Commission | , the Honorable David S. |
| 17 | Johanson, presiding. | |
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| 19 | APPEARANCES: | |
| 20 | On behalf of the International | Trade Commission: |
| 21 | Commissioners: | |
| 22 | DAVID S. JOHANSON, | CHAIRMAN |
| 23 | IRVING A. WILLIAMSO | N, COMMISSIONER |
| 24 | RHONDA K. SCHMIDTLE | IN, COMMISSIONER (via |
| 25 | telephone) | |

| 1 | APPEARANCES (Continued) |
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| 2 | Staff: |
| 3 | CRAIG THOMSEN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR |
| 4 | ROBERT CASANOVA, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYST |
| 5 | KARL VON SCHRILTZ, ATTORNEY/ADVISOR |
| 6 | ANDREW KNIPE, ECONOMIST |
| 7 | JUNIE JOSEPH, INVESTIGATOR |
| 8 | CHARLES YOST, ACCOUNTANT AUDITOR |
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| 10 | SHARON BELLAMY, RECORDS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST |
| 11 | TYRELL BURCH, PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST |
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| 1 | PROCEEDINGS |
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| 2 | (10:00 a.m.) |
| 3 | CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting |
| 4 | of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to |
| 5 | order. Welcome to Commissioner Schmidtlein who is |
| 6 | participating by telephone. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you. |
| 8 | CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I understand that there are |
| 9 | no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification lists, |
| 10 | or outstanding action jackets to consider. |
| 11 | Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary phase |
| 12 | of Investigation Number 731-TA-1424, concerning imports of |
| 13 | Mattresses from China. |
| 14 | Welcome to Mr. Thomsen and the staff who |
| 15 | participated in this investigation. Are there any questions |
| 16 | for the staff? |
| 17 | (No response.) |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or |
| 19 | corrections to the staff report? |
| 20 | MR. THOMSEN: Craig Thomsen, Office of |
| 21 | Investigations, thank you Chairman Johanson. Staff proposes |
| 22 | that the preliminary staff report for this investigation be |
| 23 | revised in accordance with memoranda INV-QQ-122 and |
| 24 | INV-QQ-128, dated October 29th and 31st of 2018. |
| 25 | CHAIRMAN JOHANSON. Is there any objection to |

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1 approval of the staff report as revised?
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- 2 (No response.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is
- 4 approved. Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?
- 5 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Kearns is not
- 6 participating.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the
- 8 affirmative.
- 9 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Schmidtlein?
- 10 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the
- 11 affirmative.
- MR. BURCH: Commissioner Williamson?
- 13 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the
- 14 affirmative.
- 15 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Broadbent is not
- 16 participating?
- 17 Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached an
- 18 affirmative determination.
- 19 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
- 20 Further information concerning this determination will be in
- 21 the press release. Views of the Commission are currently
- 22 scheduled to be completed and filed on November 9, 2018.
- 23 Seeing that there is no other business before
- the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.
- 25 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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International Trade Commission.

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Proofreader

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